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EXPERTS MEETING TO PREPARE SCIENTIFIC  
FORUM, JULY 11, 1978

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1. AT DEPARTMENT'S TELEPHONE REQUEST, WE TRANSMIT  
BELOW THE TEXTS OF THE US AND UK STATEMENTS MADE  
DURING THE JULY 11 AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE BONN  
EXPERTS PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE SCIENTIFIC FORUM.  
IN VIEW OF THE LEVEL OF DELEGATION AT EXPERTS MEETING  
IN RELATION TO HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL'S  
STATEMENTS (MADE IN CAPITALS), WE DID NOT CONSIDER  
THE TEXTS SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH TO TRANSMIT. THEY DID,  
HOWEVER, SLOW THE MEETING AND IN THE VIEW OF SOME  
DELEGATES, STIFFEN EASTERN POSITIONS.

2. THE EASTERN REPLIES WERE NOTED IN REFTEL AND TEXTS  
ARE NOT AVAILABLE. THERE WAS NO FURTHER EXCHANGE.

3. UK STATEMENT: MR. CHAIRMAN, ALL OF US HAVE MET  
HERE IN ORDER TO SECURE AGREEMENT. THE UK HAS WORKED,  
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AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK, FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION  
OF THIS MEETING, AS OF ALL OTHER CSCE MEETINGS. THIS  
DELEGATION, LIKE OTHERS, WELCOMES THE PAPER TABLED BY  
SWEDEN, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, YUGOSLAVIA, AND A NUMBER  
OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION  
TOWARDS THIS. AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST SEE THIS MEETING  
AGAINST THE BROADER POLITICAL BACKGROUND. THE BRITISH

GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT THE CSCE PROCESS CAN ADVANCE IF CERTAIN STATES IMPLEMENT THE FINAL ACT ONLY IN LIMITED AREAS, AND THAT NEGATIVE ACTIONS IN OTHER AREAS CAN THREATEN THE PROCESS AS A WHOLE: THAT PARTICIPANTS IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING CANNOT IGNORE THE EFFECT THAT CERTAIN OUTSIDE EVENTS COULD HAVE ON THE ATMOSPHERE OF DISCUSSIONS AND THE CHANCES OF A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME: I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THIS MEETING TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S VIEW ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT IN ALL ITS ASPECTS AND ON THE SITUATION OF GROUPS MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SOVIET UNION. IN A STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON 10 JULY, DR. OWEN NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE FINAL ACT STATES IN ITS SEVENTH PRINCIPLE THAT INDIVIDUALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW AND ACT UPON THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD NOW PUT ON TRIAL FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE HELSINKI MONITORING GROUPS. INASMUCH AS THE CHARGES RELATE SPECIFICALLY TO ACTIVITIES FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, THESE TRIALS ARE IN DIRECT CONTRAVENTION OF THE SPIRIT AND INTENTION OF THE ACT. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH SUCH CASES COULD

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HAVE FOR THE ATMOSPHERE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CSCE PARTICIPATING STATES, AND FOR THE CHANCES OF MAKING PROGRESS ON VITAL ISSUES IN EAST/WEST RELATIONS. IT HAS BEEN THE FIRM AND CONSISTENT VIEW OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT SHOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY EACH PARTICIPATING STATE, AND MY GOVERNMENT REGRET THE LATEST EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS NOT AT PRESENT TAKING PLACE.

4. US STATEMENT: I TAKE THE FLOOR AT THIS TIME TO ASSOCIATE MY DELEGATION WITH THE STATEMENT JUST MADE BY THE UK DELEGATE. THE US SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. VANCE, SAID OF THESE SOVIET CITIZENS: "THEY ARE BEING TRIED FOR ASSERTING FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS - TO SPEAK OUT AND TO PETITION AND CRITICIZE THEIR GOVERNMENT - RIGHTS GUARANTEED IN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY THEIR GOVERNMENT. "THESE TRIALS, WITH THEIR LACK OF DUE PROCESS, VIOLATE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE. I REFLECT THE DEEPEST FEELINGS AND VALUES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHEN I DEPLORE THESE EVENTS. THEY INEVITABLY AFFECT THE CLIMATE OF OUR RELATIONS AND IMPOSE OBSTACLES TO THE BUILDING OF CONFIDENCE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN  
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OUR COUNTRIES...HOWEVER, I THINK THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO TRY AND FIND COMMON GROUND AND HOPE THAT WE CAN GET THE RELATIONSHIPS BACK TO A BETTER AND MORE EVEN KEEL..." MR. VANCE ALSO SAID: "LET ME SAY FINALLY THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR BASIC HUMAN FREEDOM IS NOT A SHORT-TERM EFFORT. WE WILL PERSEVERE BECAUSE OF OUR ENDURING BELIEF IN THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL."  
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